

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Sontag Elementary School in Rocky Mount, Virginia, on October 27, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Directions:** From Rocky Mount, take 220 S and turn Left onto Sontag Road (Rt. 619). Follow Sontag Rd. for 3.2 miles and turn into Elementary School parking lot. From Martinsville area, take 220 N and turn Right onto Sontag Road (Rt. 619). Follow Sontag Rd. for 3.2 miles and turn into Elementary School parking lot.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announces a public meeting and the start of a study to restore water quality in the Pigg River and Old Womans Creek watersheds.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Public meeting on a study to restore water quality in the Pigg River and Old Womans Creek watersheds

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacterial pollution in the Pigg River and Old Womans Creek watersheds. This contamination exceeds water quality standards, which decreases the suitability of the water for swimming, kayaking and other recreational activities involving direct contact with the water.

The following is a list of the "impaired" waters, their location, the length of the impaired segment and the reason for the impairment: Pigg River, Franklin Co. and Pittsylvania Co., 63.98 miles, bacteria; Leesville Lake, Pittsylvania Co., 154 acres, bacteria; Storey Creek, Franklin Co., 11.60 miles, bacteria; Snow Creek, Franklin Co. and Pittsylvania Co., 10.98 miles, bacteria; Old Womans Creek, Campbell Co., 4.86 miles, bacteria; and Big Chestnut Creek, Franklin Co., 12.88 miles, bacteria.

During the study, the state agencies will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by November 27, 2005. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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